Import of Rifampicin

3414. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rifampicin, an anti-TB and Anti-Leprosy drug is allowed under OGL;

(b) whether it is also a fact that registration of requirement for import is meant for monitoring of international price and for statistical purposes;

(c) whether it is a fact that when this policy was framed, there was no indigenous production of Rifampicin;

(d) whether it is a fact that Rafampicin is now being manufactured in the country from penultimate stage;

(e) whether it is a fact that the import price of drug registered with your Ministry is around $ 155 per kg. and the penultimate is being imported at around $ 210 per kg.; and

(f) if so, on what consideration the import of the penultimate has been allowed for the production of this drug when there is a national loss of foreign and heavy burden on the consumer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (f) The matter is sub-judice and is pending in the Delhi High Court

Increase in the production of Drugs

3415. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the production of drugs has doubled during the period from 1980 to 1986;

(b) if so, what was the comparative production in 1980 and that in 1986;

(c) whether his Ministry has evaluated and reviewed the usefulness of 1979 Drugs Price Control Order which was put into effect with the approval of the Cabinet before announcing new measures; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and how the proposed measures would give relief to the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Values of production of bulk drugs in 1980-81 and 1985-86 are as follows:

	(Rs. Crores)
1980-81	240
1985-86	409·12

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The details are contained in the "New Measures for Rationalisation, Quality Control & Growth of Drugs and Pharmaceutical Industry in India", copies of which are available in Parliament Library.

Heera Process complex

3416. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has invited tenders for Heera Process Complex in Heera Fields and ICG Gas Process Complex in Bombay High South Fields;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for retendering for Heera Process Complex;

(c) what are the field development schemes under execution at present in both Heera Field and Bombay High South Field for gas production; and

(d) what are the development works with their cost, the estimate envisaged for each of the two Fields other than that tendered recently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Tenders had to be re-invited mainly due to change in the production profile as a result of reservoir and water injection studies carried out by ONGC.

(c) No separate development scheme for gas production in Heera and Bombay High South Fields is under execution as these are essentially oil fields having some associated gas.

(d) Studies in this regard are under way, Cost estimates will become known after these exercises are completed.

Scheme for Field Development for Natural Gas production

3417. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details in respect of each scheme planned or proposed to be launched by Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan in the Western offshore;

(b) what are the names of the companies and value of contracts awarded to each one of them for natural gas field development work in the western offshore since January, 1985 so far; and

(c) what is the production of associated and natural gas separately in the country in each year for the last three years and the projections for the same for each subsequent year till the year 1985-86?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be aid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) The information is as under:

Year	Production (million cubic metres)	
	Associated gas	Free gas
1984-85 . .	6837	404
1985-86 . .	7611	523
1986-87 . . (Provisional)	9198	641
The projections beyond 1986-87 are as under :		
1987-88 . .	9224	2577
1988-89 . .	9018	4833
1989-90 . .	8926	7712
1990-91 . .	8909	9614

It is not possible at this stage to indicate firm projections beyond 1990-91 as they would depend upon development of new fields.

Modification of existing rates of royalty

3418. PROF. N. M. KAMBLE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to modify the existing rates of royalty to be given to the oil producing States; and

(b) if so, by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.